

PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANT COVER
WITH AN INTEGRATED KEYPAD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cover for a personal computing device, such as a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) is provided. The cover includes a user interface portion flexibly coupled to a support portion to allow the cover to be altered between closed and viewing positions. The cover supports a PDA in the viewing position, on a support surface, to provide ease of viewing the PDA's screen. The support portion is adjustable to adjust the viewing position of the cover, and thus, the angle with which the user views the PDA's screen. The support portion also retains the PDA in the viewing position, without requiring assistance by the user. Flexibly coupling the user interface portion to the support portion prevents the interface portion from interfering with accessing a user interface region of the PDA. The cover's user interface portion may include an integrated keyboard. The keyboard is located on an inner surface of the interface portion, so that the keyboard is readily available. The keyboard and PDA are interconnected via a data connection located on the cover and a data port on the PDA. A locking apparatus may be provided to retain the cover in the closed position.

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